

Transit Service Changes

Webex Public Meeting

Meeting will begin momentarily

September 24, 2020 &

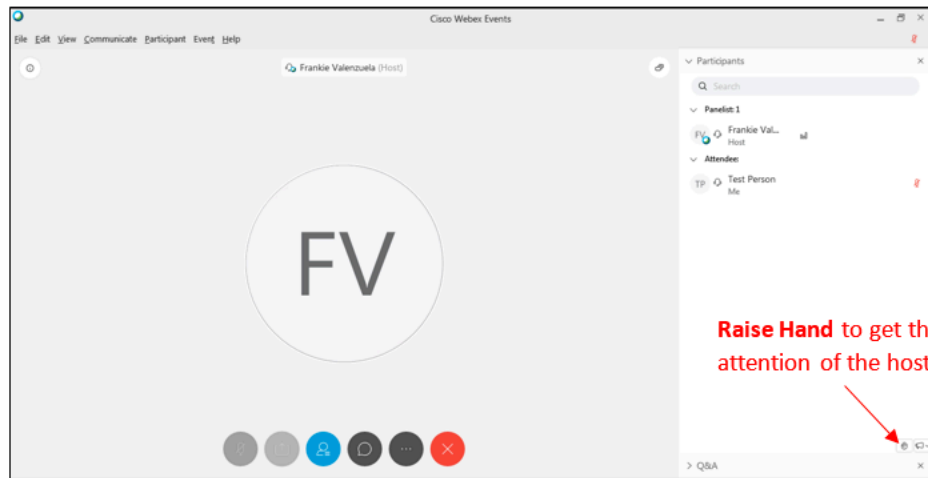
September 26, 2020



Agenda



- Participation Guidelines
- Presentation – Transit Service Changes
 - April, 2021 Proposed Changes
 - October, 2021 and beyond
- Q&A Session
- Survey at tempe.gov/transitchanges
 - Submit comments online
 - Comment Period: September 24th – October 25th



Tempe Transit Service Changes



- Tempe Transit System Overview
- Transit System Funding
- Public Outreach
 - Community Values
 - April, 2021 Proposed Service Changes
- Looking Ahead and Next Steps



Tempe Transit System Overview



16 arterial bus routes



6 Orbit routes & FLASH



3 Express bus routes



Paratransit



6 miles of light rail with 9 stations



Streetcar

Tempe Transit System Overview



GRiD bike share



38 miles of shared use paths



Multi-modal friendly streetscapes



177 +/- miles of bike lanes

Tempe Transit System Funding



- Tempe Transit Sales Tax
 - Half-Cent
 - No Sunset
 - Dedicated funding for public transit, bicycle and pedestrian improvements
- Regional Proposition 400 Sales Tax
- Federal Grants
- Fares (Declining)
- Transit Service Operating Costs ~\$45 million (FY21)
- Expenditures in excess of Revenues

BALLOT FORMAT	
OFFICIAL BALLOT	
PRIMARY ELECTION	
COUNTY OF MARICOPA	
STATE OF ARIZONA	
SEPTEMBER 10, 1996	
CITY OF TEMPE	
PROPOSITION 400	
<p>Shall the City of Tempe be authorized to increase the transaction privilege (sales) and use tax levied by the City by one half of one percent, from a current rate of 1.2 percent to 1.7 percent?</p> <p>The increase will be restricted for improvement and operation of Tempe's public transit system, by way of example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus pullouts to improve traffic flow• Environmentally friendly, alternative fueled buses with bike racks• Bus routes on all major streets connecting to the rest of the Valley cities, and Dial-a-Ride service for the elderly and disabled• Improved sidewalks and bicycle facilities• Neighborhood shuttles and improved FLASH service• Rail studies for connections to the airport and other parts of the Valley• Shaded waiting areas with benches for passengers• Bus service 20 hours per day, 7 days per week, arriving every 15 minutes during commute time and every half hour rest of day	
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Tempe Transit Expenditure Reductions

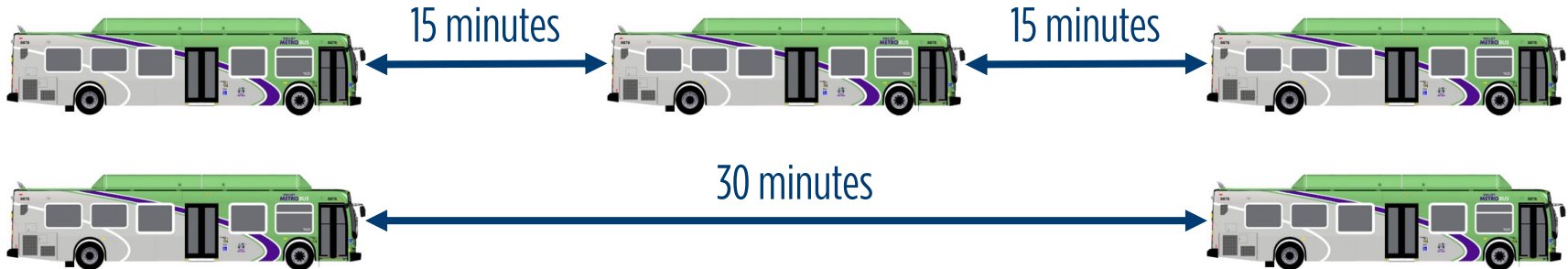


- Reduce Expenditures to promote long-term stability of transit fund and transit program
- Phased, three-year reduction
 - Service changes in April and October
- Data-driven decision making
 - Ridership trends, costs
 - Equity
- Public Outreach Process
 - Community Values Survey to prioritize future service changes
 - Impact Analysis for all proposed service changes

Community Values Analysis



- Transit in Tempe – what's important to you?
- Local Bus, Orbit, Light Rail
- Free Orbit Service – Is it important for the Orbit system to remain free to ride?
- Hours - Is it important for the bus/Orbit/train to run early in the morning and late at night?
- Frequency – is it important for the bus/Orbit/train to arrive often?



April, 2021 Proposed Service Changes



- Reduce Duplication of Service

- Route 32
- Route 40
- Route 72

- Optimize Service

- Route 521
- Route 522

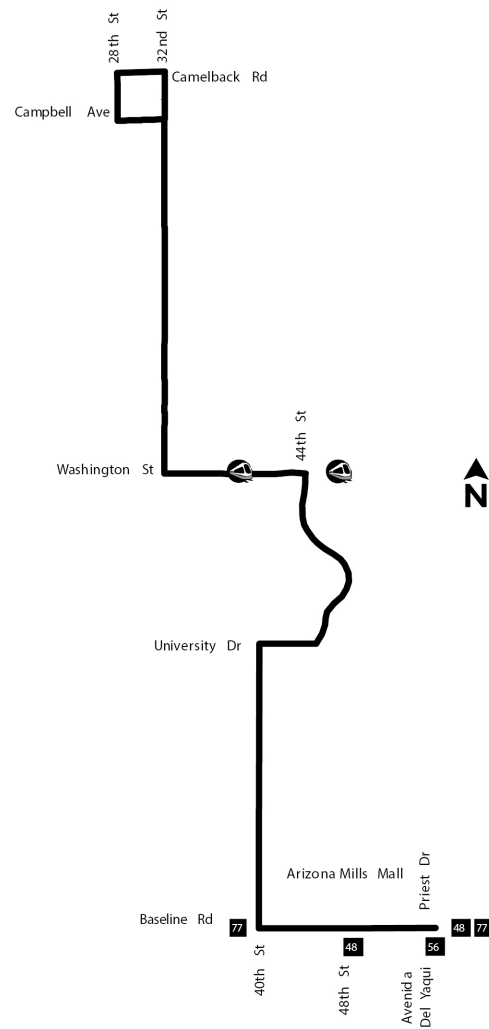
- Eliminate Service

- Route 520

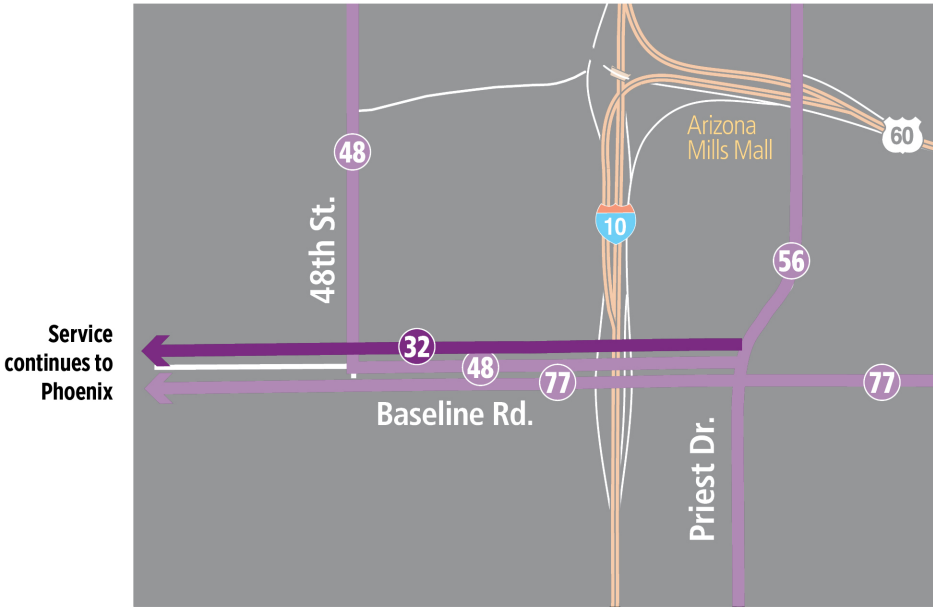
- How do these proposed service changes impact you?

ROUTE 32




FULL CURRENT ROUTE



CURRENT SERVICE



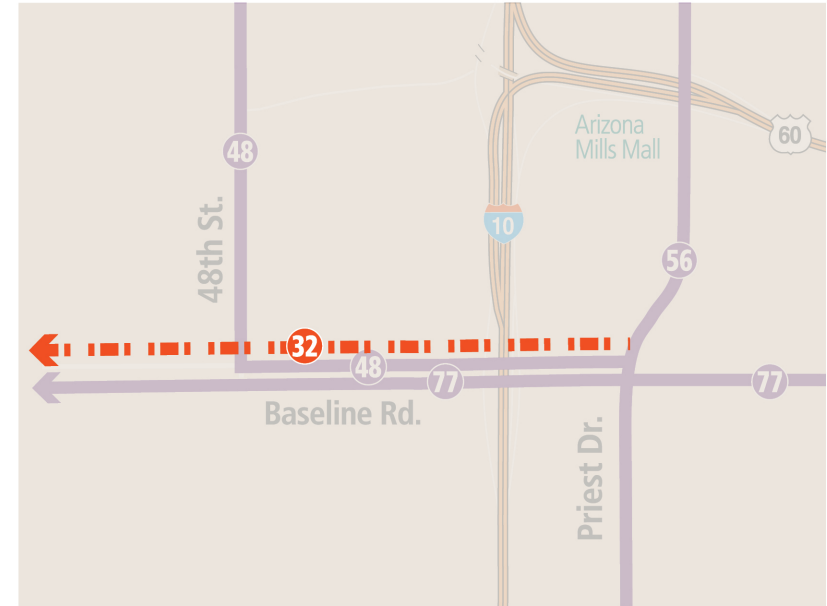
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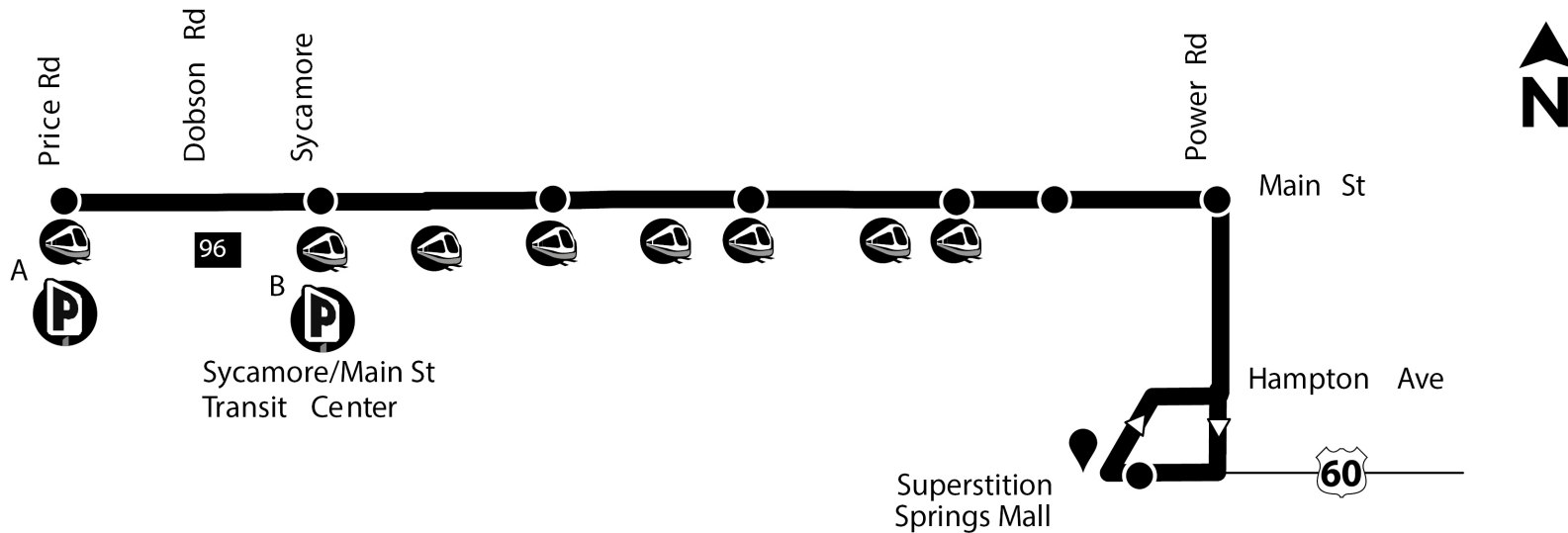
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-  Proposed Elimination
-  Other Transit Connections

ROUTE 32

PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE

PROPOSED ELIMINATION

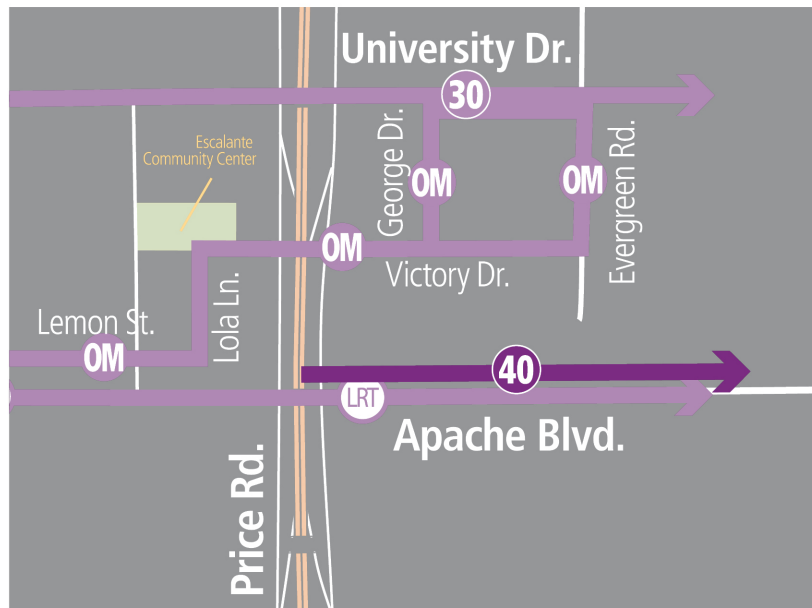




ROUTE 40




FULL CURRENT ROUTE

CURRENT SERVICE



Service
continues to
Mesa

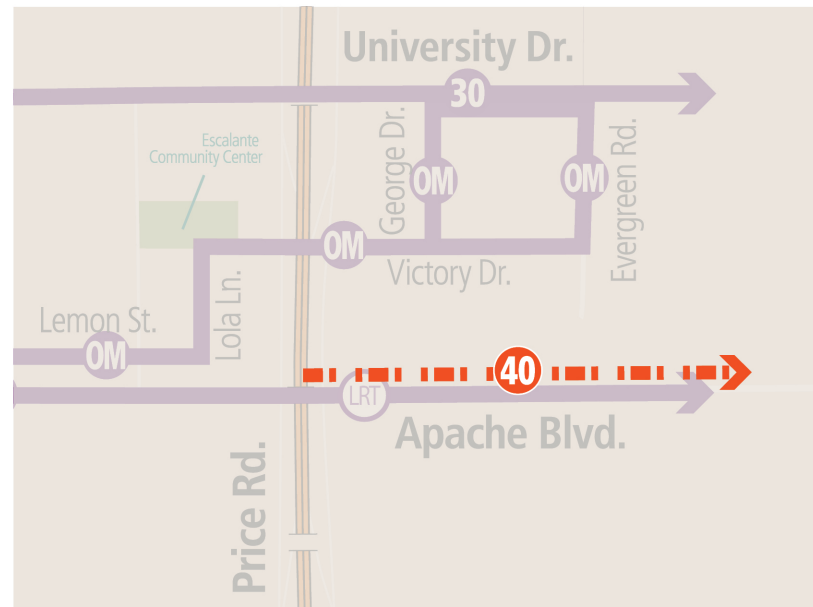
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-  Proposed Elimination
-  Other Transit Connections

ROUTE 40

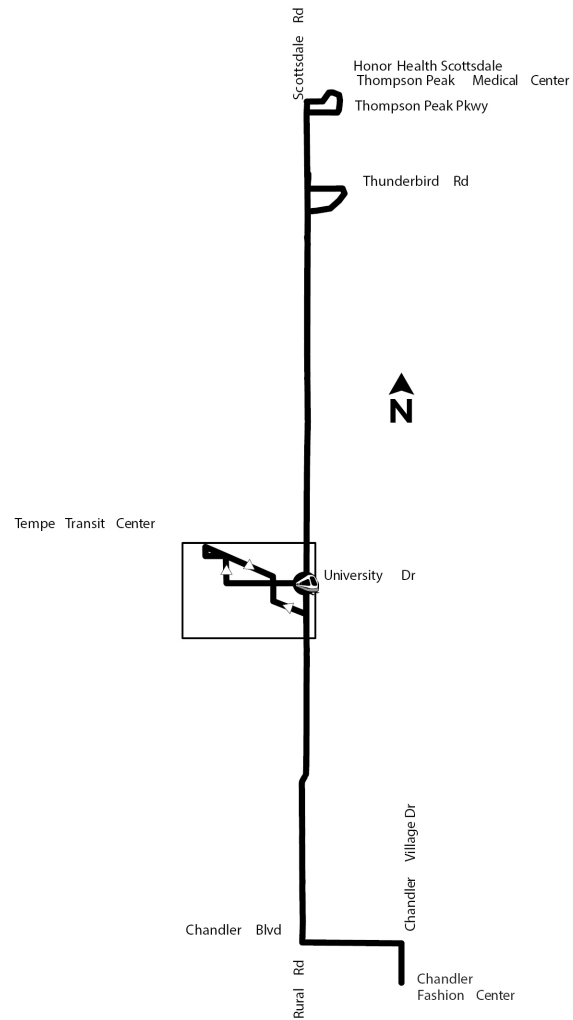
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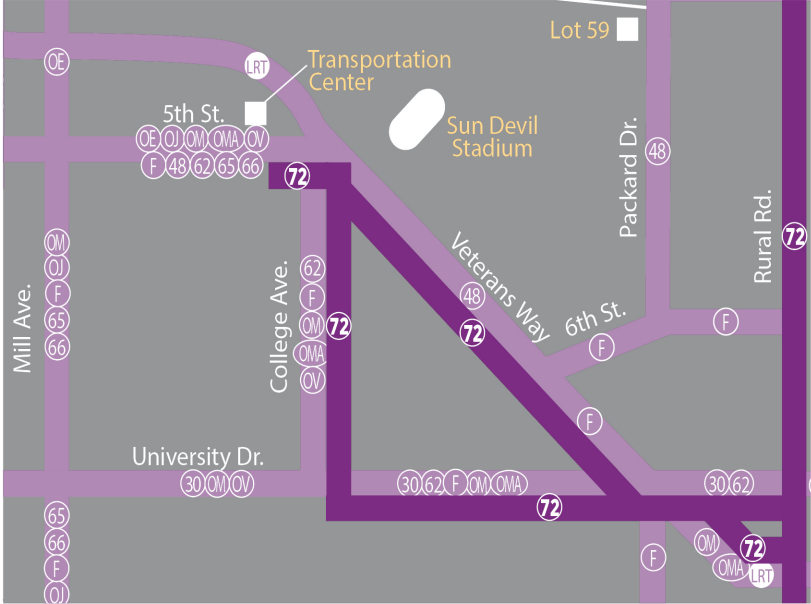


ROUTE 72




FULL CURRENT ROUTE



CURRENT SERVICE

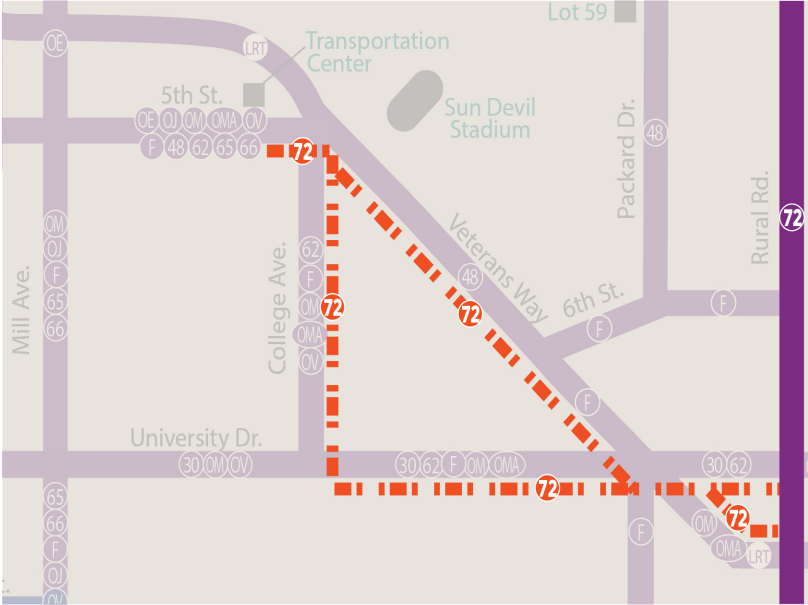


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-  Current Route
-  Proposed Elimination
-  Other Transit Connections

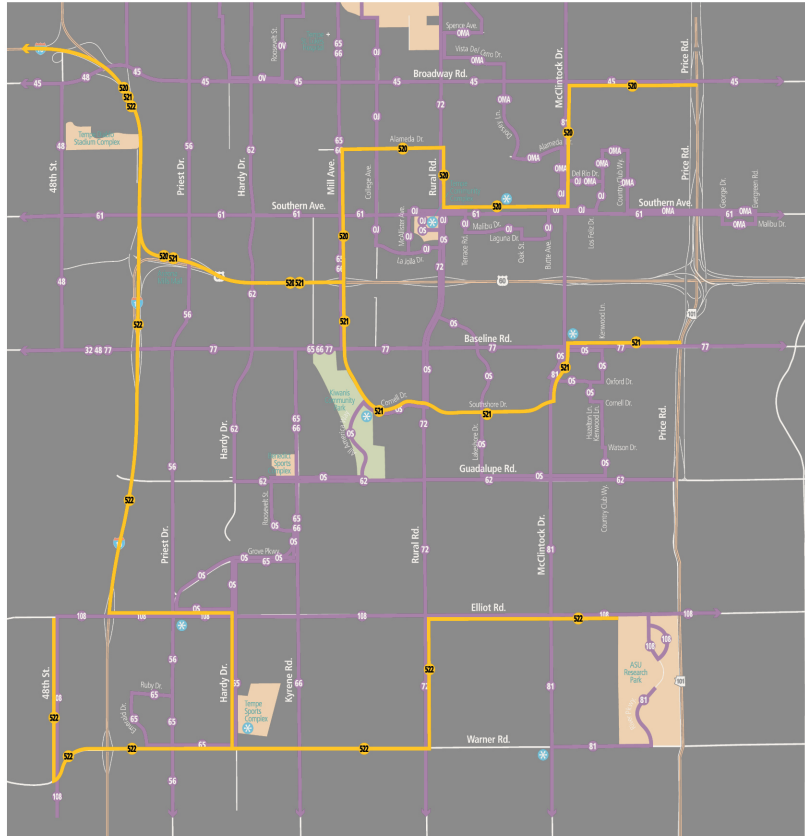
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CURRENT SERVICE

Service continues to Phoenix



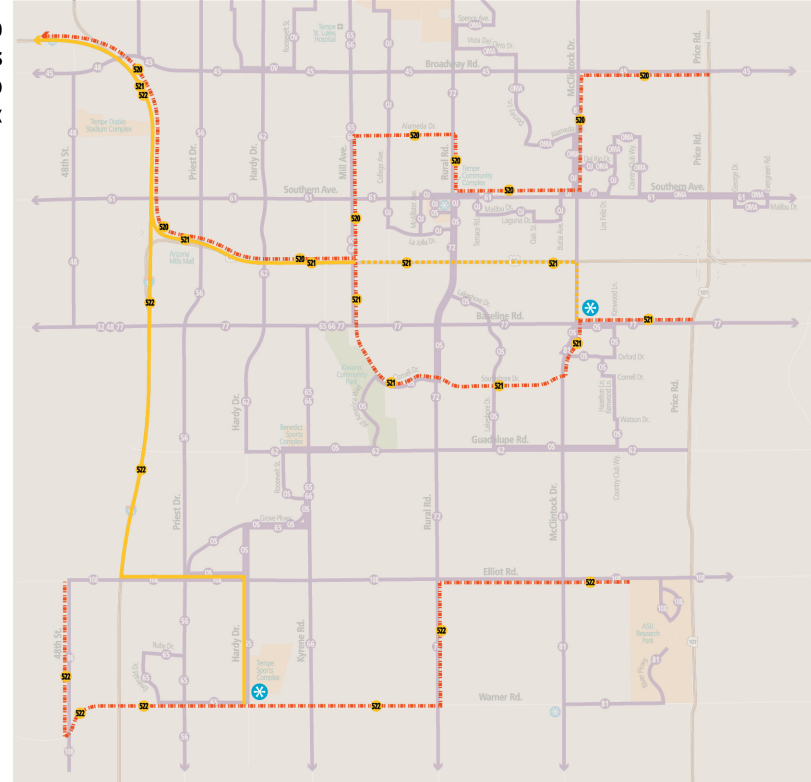
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- Current Express Routes
- Proposed Elimination
- Other Transit Connections
- Proposed Additions
- * Park-and-Ride

EXPRESS BUS PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE

PROPOSED ELIMINATION

Nonstop Express Service to Phoenix

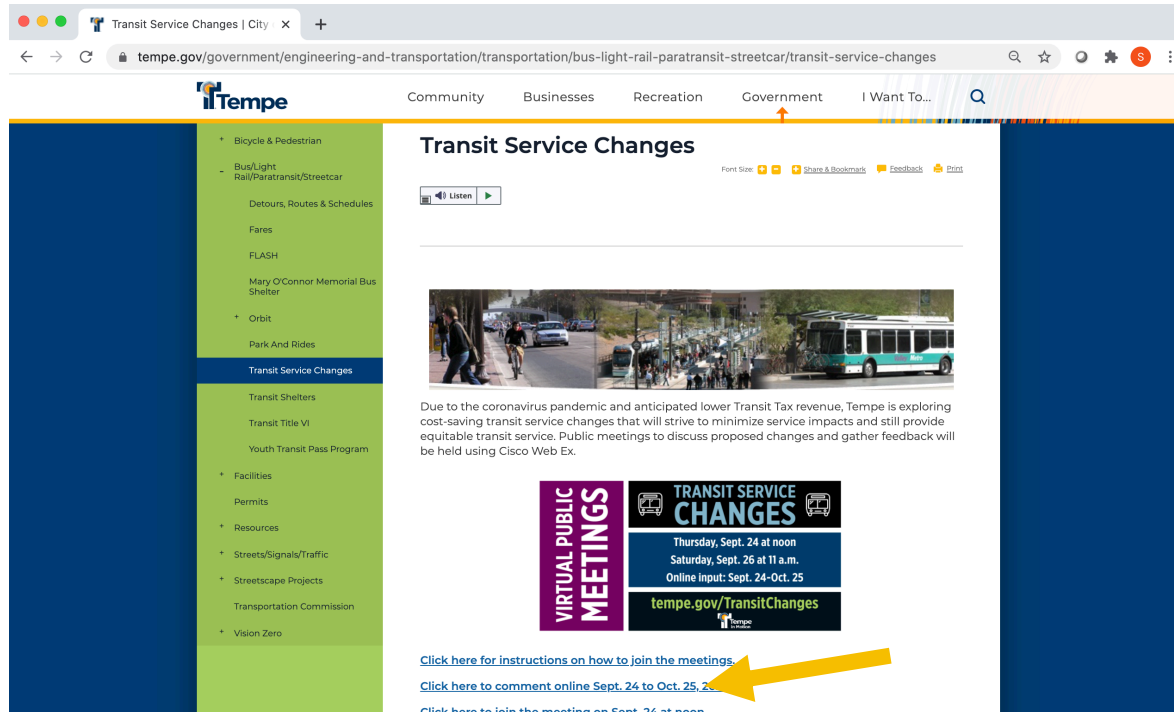


Transit Service Changes – Online Survey



 www.tempe.gov/transitchanges

Public Comment: September 24th – October 25th









Transit Service Changes | City of Tempe


tempe.gov/government/engineering-and-transportation/transportation/bus-light-rail-paratransit-streetcar/transit-service-changes

Community Businesses Recreation Government I Want To...

Transit Service Changes


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 Listen 



Due to the coronavirus pandemic and anticipated lower Transit Tax revenue, Tempe is exploring cost-saving transit service changes that will strive to minimize service impacts and still provide equitable transit service. Public meetings to discuss proposed changes and gather feedback will be held using Cisco Web Ex.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES**
Thursday, Sept. 24 at noon
Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m.
Online input: Sept. 24-Oct. 25
tempe.gov/TransitChanges

[Click here for instructions on how to join the meetings.](#)

[Click here to comment online Sept. 24 to Oct. 25, 2020.](#)

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Transit Service Changes | City of Tempe Forum - Transit Change

opentownhall.com/portals/99/issue_9686/survey_responses/new

Help us understand the areas of our system that are most important to you. SELECT UP TO 3 areas that are most important to keep. Local bus routes in Tempe are routes 30, 32, 40, 45, 48, 56, 61, 62, 65, 66, 72, 77, 81 and 108.

- ☐ LIGHT RAIL FREQUENCY- Light rail normally runs every 12-15 minutes on weekdays, every 15 minutes on Saturdays and every 20 minutes on Sundays.
- ☐ LIGHT RAIL HOURS- Light rail runs from about 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 5 a.m. – 2 a.m. on Friday, 5 a.m. – 2 a.m. on Saturday and 5 a.m. – 11 p.m. on Sunday.
- ☐ LOCAL BUS FREQUENCY- On weekdays, most local buses run every 15 minutes during rush hour and every 30 minutes for the rest of the day. On weekends, most local buses run every 30 minutes, with some routes running every 60 minutes
- ☐ LOCAL BUS HOURS- Monday-Saturday, buses run from about 5 a.m. until 1 a.m. the following day. On Sunday, buses run from about 5 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.
- ☐ Free ORBIT NEIGHBORHOOD CIRCULATOR SERVICE- All Orbit routes are free to ride.
- ☐ ORBIT FREQUENCY- Most Orbit buses run every 15 minutes Monday – Saturday and every 30 minutes on Sunday.
- ☐ ORBIT HOURS- On weekdays, Orbit buses run from about 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. On Saturdays, Orbit buses run from about 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. On Sundays, Orbit buses run from about 8 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- ☐ HOLIDAY SERVICE- Weekday level of service on the following five holidays: Veterans Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Martin Luther King Day and President's Day.

Choose at most 3 options

Please list any ideas you have for ways for Tempe to save money to run its transit system.

Tempe runs city-wide transit service with additional routes and frequency in areas with higher demand/use for transit. Please select which one of the following you feel is more important:

- ☐ • It is more important to have transit in all parts of Tempe even if those routes aren't used very much.
- ☐ • It is more important to have transit in only the parts of Tempe where people use transit.

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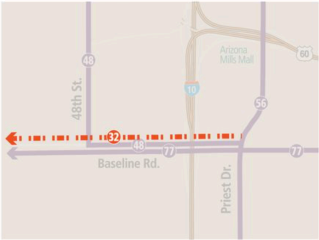
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CURRENT SERVICE



ROUTE 32 PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE

PROPOSED ELIMINATION



Legend

- Current Route
- Proposed Elimination
- Other Transit Connections

Route 32 - 32nd Street- Eliminate service on Baseline Road in Tempe. Riders can use route 77 to connect to route 32.

- ☐ No impact
- ☐ Some impact
- ☐ Significant impact
- ☐ No opinion

Outreach Efforts and Looking Ahead



- September 8th, 2020 – Transportation Commission
- September 17th, 2020 – City Council Issue Review Session
- September 2020 – Signage posted on buses, at transit center and high-ridership transit stops
- Public Meetings - Online
 - ● Thursday, September 24th at 12 p.m.
 - Saturday, September 26th at 11 a.m.
- Online Information and Comments: tempe.gov/transitchanges
 - Comment period September 24th – October 25th
- November 2020 – Valley Metro April, 2021 Service Change Process and Outreach: valleymetro.org
- December 1st, 2020 – Transportation Commission
- December 3rd, 2020 – City Council Issue Review Session
- April 26th, 2021 – Service Changes Implemented (if advanced)
- Future service change outreach beginning in Spring, 2021

Questions

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